through the nose or by means of a feeding cup; and under the patient care of the nurses and the kind treatment of the Supdt. he seemed to improve day by day, gaining consciousness after the seventh or the eighth day, I believe; later on as this patient recovered sufficiently from the effects of the injuries he had received to be able to move about more or less as a sane man, in fairly good health, they set him free, out of compassion for his late sufferings, so that he went home amongst his people once more, though a criminal patient convicted of some very serious offence. Ely a Goundan had to be kept handcuffed and locked-up ever since, as the law could not try a lunatic when he happened to commit any violence on any one in a fit of excitement. Though it was the practice in Port Blair to hang a criminal that had previously been convicted of having committed any murderous assault or murder, even for the very slightest offence of committing an assault a second time so that the man injured showed signs of bleeding ; but not so with a lunatic, even

though he managed to kill a man outright in his excite-
ment. I have met with instances, both of a sane criminal being hanged for having inflicted